

DYSPHAGIA RISK LEVEL PARAMETERS / INDICATORS

LEVEL 1

- Residents enterally fed
- Residents with a risk of Aspiration as determined by MBS
- Residents with a history of Aspiration Pneumonia
- Residents with Asthma
- Residents with a risk score of 70 or greater as determined by the Choking Assessment Form
- Residents with a risk score of 70 or greater as determined by the Pneumonia Risk Assessment Form

LEVEL 2

- Residents with a risk score of 50-60% as determined by the Choking Assessment Form
- Residents with a risk score of 50-60% as determined by the Pneumonia Risk Assessment Form
- Residents with pharyngeal and esophageal phase dysphagia

LEVEL 3

- Residents with a risk score of 30-40% as determined by the Choking Assessment Form
- Residents with a risk score of 30-40% as determined by the Pneumonia Risk Assessment Form
- Residents with oral phase dysphagia, GERD, hiatal hernia, reflux, rumination, erosive esophagitis or gastritis.

LEVEL 4

- All other residents
- This level has no diagnosis of dysphagia, GERD, or choking risk.